(5) whether the Government has taken borings in that locality and if so, what is the depth at which water can be obtained and how far is that place from Ramavarmapuram?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) The distance from town limits to the proposed main gate of the College is 2 miles.

(2) 400 Boys.
100 Ladies.
1 Principal.
10 Professors.
20 Assistant Professors.
1 Surgeon.
2 Post and Anchal masters.
50 Servants.

(3) Yes.
(4) Yes.
(5) Yes. Water can be obtained at about 3 feet below the level of the adjoining fields and the rock level is about 20 to 25 feet below the ground level. 1¼ miles from the site of the hostel buildings.

63. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether the 17 lakhs estimated for Ramavarmapuram College Scheme takes in the provision for the water supply;

(2) if the answer is in the affirmative, what is the amount provided for that purpose ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) Yes.
(2) One lakh.

64. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) what is the extent of the present Maharaja's College, High School, Hindu and Christian Hostel premises and what is its value ;

(2) what is the cost of the buildings that exist in the above premises?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) 6·52 acres.
Rs. 1,63,000.
(2) Rs. 3,40,000.

65. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

1. whether the proposed site for acquisition for the College Hostel and play-ground is not a marshy place ;

2. what is the nature of the soil proposed to be acquired, whether sand or clay ;

3. whether they have taken borings in that place with a view to ascertain the depth of the foundation necessary for the Hostel buildings, etc.;

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4. what is the area to be levelled up and what will be the approximate cost ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) Marshy in some places and low-lying in others.

2. Sand in some places and clay with sand in others.

3. Yes, for about 4 feet.

4. 20 acres. Rs. 30,000 for filling the area to an average height of 1 foot.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Sir, with regard to the answer to sub-division (3), may I know whether the taking of borings for 4 feet will be sufficient to ascertain the depth of the foundation for the buildings proposed to be constructed ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Some more investigation will be necessary.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Suppose it is clay. Will not the expenses be more than it would be if it were sand for the construction of the foundation of the buildings ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Judging from the nature of the soil around, I do not expect that it would be hard clay. If it is clay more expenditure will be necessary.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—If it is clay, will it not prove treacherous ; how far is the proposed site for the extension below the level of the Chittur and Thirumala Devaswam roads ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The Member will note that I have stated that the area on an average is one foot below. Some portions may be deeper while other portions may not be so.

66. Mr E. Ikkanda Warriar—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

1. whether they have verified the correctness of the amount shown in the majority report of the College Extension Committee before they passed orders on the same ;

2. if the answer is in the affirmative, how did they do so?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—1 and 2. The provision made by the Committee for the construction of buildings was checked by the Chief Engineer. The cost of acquisition provided in the report is being verified by the Land Revenue Department.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Did the Chief Engineer take the borings before he verified the figures of the Committee ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Then how did he come to the conclusion that the amount estimated by the committee will be correct ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—On the assumption of the foundation that is obtained now from the nature of the soil that is usually found in Ernakulam.

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